“Though critics liken the monitoring to government stalking, school officials and their contractor say the purpose is student safety.”

1. If you do something for a good purpose, does that always make it okay? Does it in this case? Explain.
2. Can it ever be wrong to monitor someone’s public postings? Why or why not?
3. What do you think about schools using monitoring technology to determine when students use their phones during class?
4. What is the difference between public and private?
5. What does Lee Tien mean when he says it is “just semantics” to say that public Facebook posts are not private?
6. Are semantics unimportant? How can we know what is private without being able to define private and public?
7. Why did the school object to a student’s photo of what appeared to be a gun?
8. Should a school have authority over things like students posting photos of a fake gun? Why or why not?
9. What responsibility, if any, do schools have to children besides educating them? How can schools fulfill these responsibilities without intruding on parents’ roles?